

In extending a welcome to the president of the United States the people of the Pacific northwest wish to testify their appreciation of the general excellence of his administration and to pay proper respect to the dignity of the presidential office. The appearance among us of a president of the United States is a notable event. Only a small proportion of our people had ever seen one who was occupying this first and highest position in the republic. The fact that hitherto no president had ever visited us makes this an occasion of no small interest. It serves a good purpose for the president to mingle with the people. It tends to preserve an easy intercourse between them and the persons highest in authority, and thus plays no small part in maintaining the proper simplicity of our republican forms. For President Hayes the people have great respect both because of his high personal character and the acknowledged reputability and efficiency of his administration. That one is worthy of honor as a man is a great additional reason for regarding him as worthy of honor in his character of chief magistrate of the republic. By general judgment and common consent President Hayes has proved in the country an entirely creditable administration. This is a fact admitted even by political opponents who are at all astute by sentiment of master. Patriotic respect is deserved by the creditable record of his official acts, sustained by his own quiet, unassuming, and always firm demeanor. The party which elevated him to the presidency has nothing to apologize for or defend in his exceptionally worthy administration. All should be glad that the president of the United States is warmly welcomed among us. Oregon would otherwise discredit her own hospitality. The president will remain among us, that is in Oregon and Washington, perhaps two weeks or more.

THE RAILROAD BILL.

The bill to bestow upon the Oregon Railway Company the property of the city of Portland is at last printed. It is entitled a bill for an act to grant said company "the right of way and station grounds over the state lands, and terminal facilities upon the public grounds at the city of Portland." With the request of right of way over the state lands, no one finds fault. This is a privilege which will be most willingly granted to any company. But as this road is not likely to touch the state lands anywhere, the privilege can be of no great value. The real aim of those who have proposed this bill is to acquire property of great value in Portland without paying for it. It is a grab-and-go, simply, and nothing else. A long-preserved memory sections argues the case for the president. It recites that, whereas the property known as the public lands in the city of Portland is public ground, and that as the streets and highways of the city of Portland are public property for the use and benefit of the people of Oregon, therefore this railway company shall have the right to take possession of said public lands and such streets as it may want, for its own private use and profit. This is not the precise wording of the preamble, but it is an exact statement of what it means. For, as this "public" road has been dedicated to a public use, it is now proposed to place it "under exclusive management and control" of said railway company; and further, the right is claimed to "lay a track the entire length of Front street, and to make forward to the eastward in such and every one of the streets crossing said Front street," and to lay a track in each and every one of such cross streets, which is virtually equivalent to a demand of Front street and the cross streets eastward of it for the sole use of this company. And then, in the name of a public object, property is to be diverted from a public to a private use, and the citizens of Portland are to be cut off from their river front. We hear from Salem that a lobby has been engaged for this proposed legislation, and that some of it is in men who ought to be ashamed of work of such a character. If they do not care very likely to get a majority, they don't want. It is stated that all the members from Multnomah will support this scheme, as they ought to do.

THE SCHEMERS AGAINST THE CITY.

We believe that citizens of Portland are hardly more of and thoroughly disgusted with repeated efforts to tamper with the city charter for the sole purpose of legislating out those offices which the people have chosen, and legislating in a set of professional litigants who conduct their study it to live at the expense of the city and the expense of the city. At every session of the legislature for many years this has been attempted, and, several times, with more or less success. Now what is the object of a government for this city? Is it to take care of the public interests, to serve the public peace and administer the city's affairs with a view to the public good? If this is the object, the present city government well answers it. But if the object is to provide places for a number of needy and wily beggars who have nothing but the disposition to support themselves in any dependent and useful employment, then of course the charter ought to be amended at the expense of the city, not at the expense of the city. The removal of this city ought never to have the power which this scheme proposes to give him. And the people will never succeed in any such set of men who will combine to bring about the proposed change—a change proposed simply and wholly for ends which no one of the up-to-date lawyers or politicians could have foreseen that they could afford to follow; and if they can't do it, they will find another way to do it.

In the interest of the south an effort has often been made to get the cotton tax refunded. This would take from the treasury \$15,000,000. It is a favorite "southern claim," and is regarded as a sort of opening wedge to the general raid on the treasury. On the 1st March, 1860, a bill to refund this tax was presented to the house, and in a test vote the division was as follows:

For refunding, Against

Democrats..... 182

The William and Mary relief bill, involving the principle of rebel war claims, received the following vote in the house Jan. 10, 1875:

For, Against

Republicans..... 9

Democrats..... 100

These votes show that the democracy only lack the power and the opportunity to open the door wide for every variety of disloyal claims. Gen. Hancock says he will employ the veto. But it would be more prudent not to touch his party.

Ex-Senator Hamilton of Texas, one of the truest and boldest of the native Union men of Texas, visited Washington recently, where he said to a number of northern men: "You

of the north are the most unseeing men in the world. You accept the loyal professions of the southern leaders as genuine and made in good faith. You are utterly deceived. Not one of them has changed his principles. Their change is in means and tactics alone. If by the aid of the northern Democrats they can secure the control of the government, and manage it so as they would have governed the confederacy had they succeeded, they would be loyal and men in the union. If they cannot they will rebel again and as old as you are you will probably live to see it. You and your people of the north are so shorthanded and blind in this matter that an event is perfectly amazing."

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